



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q76484

Kazuhiko NAGANO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/616,227

Group Art Unit: 2828

Confirmation No.: 2250

Examiner: Tod Thomas Van ROY

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For: LASER APPARATUS IN WHICH LASER DIODES AND CORRESPONDING COLLIMATOR LENSES ARE FIXED TO BLOCK, AND FIBER MODULE IN WHICH LASER APPARATUS IS COUPLED TO OPTICAL FIBER

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to nine distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes that there are no generic claims. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

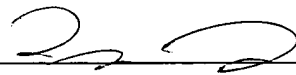
In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects Species IV, Figures 8-13, for examination, on which claims 1-3, 6-10 and 12-14 are readable.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 4, 5, 11 and 15-26.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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